

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of processing a digital image using face detection within said image to achieve one or more desired image processing parameters, comprising the steps of: (a) identifying a group of pixels that correspond to an image of a face within the digital image; (b) determining default values of one or more parameters of at least some portion of said digital image; and (c) adjusting values of the one or more parameters within the digitally-detected image based upon an analysis of said digital image including said image of said face and said default values.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, the digital image comprising a digitally-acquired image.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a decision for processing said digital image based on said face detection, the decision being performed manually.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a decision for adjusting values of the one or more parameters, the decision being automated.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a decision for adjusting values of the one or more parameters, the decision being performed manually.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, the one or more parameters including orientation, color, tone, size, luminance, relative exposure, relative spatial location, tone reproduction, sharpness or focus or combinations thereof.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, the one or more parameters comprise of a mask that defines one or more regions where the one or more parameters are valid.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, the mask further comprising a continuous presentation of varying strength within different sub-regions of said one or more regions.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, said one or more parameters comprising identical parameters that differ in value based on said mask.

10. (Original) The method of claim 6, at least two parameters being concatenated into a single parameter.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising a selection of one or more parameters, the selection being manually performed.

12. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising transforming said digital image based on said values of said one or more parameters.

13. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising creating an operation list for said digital image based on said values of said one or more parameters.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said operation list is embedded within said digital image.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said operation list is external to said digital image.

16. (Original) A method of processing a digital image using face detection as recited in claim 6, said adjusting the values of said orientation comprising determining a rotation value of the digital image.

17 – 34 (Canceled)

35. (Original) The method of claim 1, the method being performed within a digital acquisition device.

36. (Original) The method of claim 1, the face pixels identifying step being automatically performed by an image processing apparatus, the method further comprising manually removing a false indication of another face within the image.

37. (Original) The method of claim 2, the face pixels identifying step being automatically

performed by an image processing apparatus, the method further comprising manually adding an indication of at least one other face within the image.

38. (Original) The method of claim 1, the face pixels identifying step being automatically performed by an image processing apparatus, the method further comprising manually verifying correct detection of at least one face within the image.

39. (Original) The method of claim 1, the digitally-detected image comprising a digitally-captured image.

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80. (Original) One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method of processing a digital image using face detection in said image to achieve a desired image processing parameter, the method comprising: (a) identifying a group of pixels that correspond to an image of a face within the digital image; (b) determining default values of one or more parameters of at least some portion of said digital image; and (c) adjusting values of the one or more parameters within the digitally-detected image based upon an analysis of said digital image including said image of said face and said default values.

81. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the digital image comprising a digitally-acquired image.

82. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the method further comprising manually deciding processing of said digital image based on said face detection.

83. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the method further comprising an automated decision for adjusting values of the one or more parameters.

84. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the method further comprising manually deciding adjusting values of the one or more parameters.

85. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the one or more parameters including orientation, color, tone, size, luminance, relative exposure, relative spatial location, tone reproduction, sharpness or focus or combinations thereof.

86. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 85, the one or more parameters comprising of a mask that defines regions where the parameters are valid.

87. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 86, where the mask further comprises a continuous presentation of varying strength within different sub-regions of said region.

88. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 86, said one or more parameters comprising same parameters differing in value based on said mask.

89. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 85, at least two parameters being concatenated into a single parameter.

90. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 85, the method further comprising manually selecting one or more parameters.

91. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 85, the method further comprising transforming said digital image based on said values of said one or more parameters.

92. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 85, the method further comprising creating an operation list for said digital image based on said values of said one or more parameters.

93. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 92, wherein said operation list is embedded in said digital image.

94. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 92, wherein said operation list is external to said digital image.

95. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 85, said adjusting the values of said orientation comprising determining a rotation value of the digital image.

96 - 113 (Canceled)

114. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the method being performed within a digital acquisition device.

115. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the face pixels identifying step being automatically performed by an image processing apparatus, the method further comprising manually removing a false indication of another face within the image.

116. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the face pixels identifying step being automatically performed by an image processing apparatus, the method further comprising manually adding an indication of at least one other face within the image.

117. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the face pixels identifying step being automatically performed by an image processing apparatus, the method further comprising manually verifying correct detection of at least one face within the image.

118. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 80, the digitally-detected image comprising a digitally-captured image.

119. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 118, further comprising the step of automatically providing a fill flash.

120. (Original) The one or more storage devices of claim 118, further comprising the step of

automatically providing an option for providing a suggested fill-flash.

121 – 158 (Canceled)